

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 25-48 are pending. Claims 27, 30, 33, and 36, as well as the specification, have been amended to correct minor informalities. In particular, the specification has been amended to include the term CHA for a channel adapter and the term DKA for a disk adapter. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 25-41.

Claims 42-48 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, and 12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,684,306. A terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith to overcome this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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